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WOMAN'S UNION MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF AMERICA.

This Society was organized in 1860, and is the pioneer of Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies in America.

It is undenominational, and so it presents a united Christian front to the heathen world.

It is carried on entirely by women, with unsalaried officers.

Its aim is the salvation and elevation of heathen women.

"Win for Christ," its motto.

AN "important bill is now pending before the Imperial Council in India and will shortly come up for final decision with the report of the Select Committee for the Protection of Minor Girls. *The Indian Social Reformer* states that the fear of conversion will probably lead to the establishment of Hindu and Mohammedan homes for rescued girls. He suggests that the bill should provide that if possible the girl is to be handed over to a home of her own religious persuasion; otherwise to an undenominational institution. This seems to us to be the most sensible way out of the difficulty. Let us bear in mind that this is a matter that the people of this country should be left to decide for themselves. We are prepared to help our friends to the fullest extent of our power, but we have no right to force upon them means which from the point of view of sincere Hindus and Mohammedans can only result in the change of faith of the girls."

IN the missions columns of a daily paper it is said that India is to have a woman's college which will embody the very latest word on Christian union. Non-sectarian, it is to be maintained by eleven missionary societies representing the United States, Canada, England and Scotland. It will be affiliated with Madras University and will be located on a

great estate in Madras which once belonged to the Zenana Mission of the Church of England. The president-elect of this new enterprise, Miss Eleanor MacDougall, has been in America visiting the women's colleges of this country and has returned to India by way of Japan and China.

Miss MacDougall has been up and down India, studying the educational problem. The Indians are demanding schools for their women. Now only seven women in every 1,000 can read, and although government schools, mission schools, and schools founded by wealthy Indian men are doing all they can, they are handicapped because there are no Indian teachers. Girls from secondary schools may, perhaps, teach the rudiments in primary schools, but there are no native teachers for the secondary schools. So this new college has a great mission in training Indian young women to help their own people.

"INFANT mortality," according to Bishop Hartzell, "is enormous in Mohammedan Lands. In Algeria it is said to be sixty per cent., in Egypt and Morocco over seventy-five per cent. Almost ninety-five per cent. of the Mohammedans in Asia and Africa are unable to read and write. Superstition, belief in witches, the evil eye, the use of amulets, prevail everywhere among these peoples."

OF the language schools in India, where new missionaries "learn the language and each other," the one in Calcutta last year had an attendance of seventy-four, representing twenty-two different societies, and forty-two missionaries studied in the Marathi School.

MISS LOOMIS, returning on furlough, has taken passage from Yokohama early in April and will probably be in the neighborhood of New York the latter part of May. She hopes to interest friends, new and old, in the growth and development of the Girls' School at 212 Bluff.



FATEHPUR MEMORIAL DISPENSARY.

IN EASTERN LANDS.

INDIA—FATEHPUR

OUR WOMAN'S HOME.

By Miss E. H. TODD.

IN our home during the past year there have been one hundred and five in our family, which includes sixty-seven women and girls and thirty-eight children. Of this number thirty-three women and sixteen children have left us, the majority of the women changed and blessed in their lives.

From among these women eight were wives, who have returned to their husbands to make, we trust, happier homes. Seven girls have been married and all but one of the marriages have proved to be happy ones.

A missionary, at much cost to herself, rescued and brought to us a widow of good family who had been betrayed and sinned grievously. She was scorned and despised by relatives and friends, cast out by the church, and made to feel that there was no

more hope for her in the future. Truly repentant she let Christ take her by the hand and lift her up out of the mire of sin to live for Him, because of His life now in her.

After many months of testing with us, a Christ-like worker knowing her full history offered her a position as assistant matron in a girls' boarding school. We hear good reports of her as she has proved to be a satisfactory worker.

To another widow came a most excellent offer of a position as teacher in a large mission school.

CHANGES

When the missionary who brought A. to us came to take her away to the place where her work was to be, she exclaimed after seeing A., "What a change in her! She can now also look you frankly in the face, which before she never would do."

The following extract from A's letter written to us after she had begun her work in the school shows that she has also realized that there has been a great change in her since

coming to us seven months ago. Although a nominal Christian she had never experienced any change of heart nor a real relationship with Jesus Christ—she would not pray, was too timid to sing, was unfamiliar with her Bible, and was quite unable to teach clearly the few truths which she knew. Mark the contrast from her own testimony. She writes, "I understand now the value of all you have taught me and many thanks come out of my heart first to God because He sent me to such a good place where I received so much help. Here every three days I have to take evening prayers with the girls. I teach the Bible to the first and second classes in school. In all the meetings held here I am able to take my part and am not ashamed to pray and to sing. I have taught the teachers and girls one or two new hymns. Now I am not afraid to speak about God to others."

B., although a decided contrast to A. in every way, has let God work just as definitely in her life and is a proof of what a transformation Christ can bring about in a soul yielded to Him. B. came to us very ignorant on all lines, with habits not to be mentioned. It seemed for months as if she could not learn even her letters, and her primer was often well sprinkled with tears. In five months she was recalled by the missionaries who sent her to us. She was then ready and eager for baptism, could read simple verses, and her habits were quite changed. B. had become a helpful, thoughtful, attractive woman whom we were very loath to lose from our family. The missionaries to whom she was sent expressed thankfulness and surprise at the change in B. and considered her capable of acting as House Mother for little children in a Mission Orphanage.

When we realize in some measure what Christ can be to a soul, it is heartbreaking to have some of our women go out from us resisting God, determined to go their own ways.

BLESSINGS

It is an encouragement that N., who left us to be married, is now studying with her husband at a Training School, both preparing to be Village Workers.

We are thankful to our Father for having called several of our women to work in villages. This is somewhat of a compensation to us when we cannot ourselves do regular work among the villages of this District. It is a privilege to train others for this special line of service.

We can mention but a few of the women who have in some measure proved and are proving the sufficiency and power of our Lord Jesus Christ to do everything for them.

Though we always have many weak ones in our family, yet we praise God we have had no severe sicknesses or epidemics in our midst and only two deaths during the year, both delicate little babies.

We are thankful for the funds which have made it possible for us to have a new well. It has been built between two large fields, thus enabling us to raise better crops which demand water, and keeping us from being so dependent upon the rains which sometimes fail us.

HELPS

Our ever-changing family makes it difficult to carry on any industrial work, but our lace industry has enabled twenty-six girls to meet their own personal expenses of food and clothing while with us.

We are grateful to friends in America who have helped us to make this industry a success by sending orders for lace. We hope that there will be a greater demand for the lace this season, as it can be easily sent to any address by letter postage.

We appreciated keenly the two large generous Christmas boxes which came from our self-sacrificing friends so far away. The contents of the boxes gave much comfort and pleasure last Christmas and also met many needs for our family through the year. We are also most thankful for our new, clear-toned organ which meets a long-felt need.

We have no fitting words in which to express our thankfulness to the friends who pray so faithfully for us all. It is indeed in answer to their prayers and ours that the money has come to us at most opportune times and that situations and homes have been provided for girls and women when we did not see any opening for them nor did not know how to secure them.

Then there is also the definite working of God in individual lives due in large measure to the friends who pray for girls by name. Christ says: "Whatsoever ye shall ask in My Name, I will do."

We are very conscious of the need of a deeper working of God in all our lives here, so would entreat you to ask more definitely for "whatsoever" will best prepare us for the coming of Christ.

"For there is still but a short time and then the Coming One will come and will not delay."

JHANSI

THE WORK AND THE WORD KEPT IN MIND

By TENA McLEAN

WE are constantly being permitted here to see tokens of appreciation for what has been done for the people. A short time ago, the husband of one of our old patients came to us from a distant city to tell us that he was going to leave for the war in a few days, and that before going he wanted us to know how much he and his wife appreciated what had been done for her while she was in the hospital. As she had been very ill indeed, it was a great joy to know that she had become so well and strong; and we appreciated the fact that he considered it worth while to come all this distance to tell us about her. We trust that she and all the others who came to us for physical help may just as truly remember the message of life and salvation which they heard while with us, and talk just as freely with their friends and relatives concerning it as they do of the physical help which they received.

It is most encouraging when, at times, we hear the patients discussing among themselves God's way of salvation as it has been presented to them from His Word; and when they do it in the hospital we feel sure they also tell their friends about it after they leave us, and we rejoice in the assurance of His promise that His word shall not return unto Him void, but it shall prosper in the thing whereunto He hath sent it; and we praise Him for the privilege of sowing the seed beside all waters.

JAPAN—YOKOHAMA

THE WAR AND MISSION WORK

By CLARA D. LOOMIS

WHEN in August 1914, war was declared in Europe, we had grave fears for the future of our mission work. Would it be possible still to secure funds for carrying on the evangelistic and educational work already started or must the hoped for growth and expansion be abandoned? Would the Japanese still be eager to accept Christian teaching when Christian nations were engaged in such a terrible struggle? These were some of the questions which faced the missionaries as they gathered in the fall to start the winter's work.

In deep sympathy with those who carried the burden of raising funds, it was decided

to economize in every way possible; but with renewed faith and zeal to do our part, feeling that as the work was of God it could not fail.

There has been great business depression all through Japan on account of the war; the silk business is at a standstill, the tourist trade has been cut off, and many are out of employment, but still our school is larger than ever before, with a hundred and forty in the Girls' School, as against ninety-eight at the same time the year before, and already twenty or thirty applications for our next entering class. We have to keep high standards in order to limit our numbers, and we do not like to keep out promising girls simply because we have not seating capacity.

Also the Bible School is doing magnificent work, with thirty-six in the training school, with ten country stations, where work is carried on by the Bible School graduates, fifty-six Sunday-schools, besides women's meetings, house-to-house visiting and hospital and factory work.

An average of 160 children attend the Sunday-school held in Doremus Hall every Sunday afternoon, making it the largest in Yokohama.

At an open meeting of the Girls' Literary Society held recently the Chief Justice of the Nagoya Supreme Court, Mr. Fujita, made a splendid Christian address, and, in spite of stormy weather, the principal of the Boys' Middle School and a number of teachers connected with the Government schools were present.

The Promoting Committee of the Union Christian College for Women, formed at the time of Dr. Goucher's visit in 1912, felt that under present conditions the Boards at home would not be able to undertake any new work in the near future. But on the 3rd of March, Miss Eleanor McDougall arrived in Japan en route for India, where she is to become president of the Union Christian College for Women in Madras, the first of its kind in Asia.

According to Miss McDougall, the members of the Edinburgh Continuation Committee, under whose auspices the College movement was started, are still undaunted and feel that now is the time to press the work and meet the great need of the women of the East. Four of the leading Mission Boards in England were started during the Napoleonic wars when the nation was drained to its utmost, and God's cause is still marching on.

WOMEN IN CHINESE VILLAGES

IN Canton, China, the students of the "Christian College" go out into the villages on Sunday afternoon to hold some simple services. The president of the Association writes: "As we go around the villages near here and examine the conditions of the people, we cannot help feeling very sad, for what they live in are dirty and unventilated houses. What they believe is quite wrong. So opening schools, preaching to them and teaching them the simple laws of hygiene are what we ought to do. But now they are opposed to this, especially the women. As soon as the preaching bands began to work, the attitude of the men changed gradually, and they now seem closer to us and nearer to the Gospel. But the women stand still, for the women always stay at home, so we have no chance to talk to them. This prevents us from doing a great deal that we should like to do, because most of the men are influenced by the women. Whenever we want to start a school, as the women are ignorant of the necessity for this, they stop their children from going to study even in the free schools. The reason for that in the first place is because they are afraid of their children's becoming Christians, and in the second place because they do not think there is any use in their children's going to school when they might stay at home to help them instead of studying.

"You see, without some knowledge on their part of what Christianity means, how hard it is for us to do our work. They refuse us nearly everything because they don't like Christianity; and that is because they don't understand it. If we can find some way to bring the women to know Jesus Christ, we can accomplish more.

"There are now some ladies (Bible women) going to preach in the villages near here and they, of course, can go right into the houses of the people, and all the women welcome them heartily. This in time will change the attitude of the men, but unfortunately there are only one or two ladies and it is impossible for two to influence thousands. When I think of this I am very anxious to have the girls' school here, so that we may have more helpers. Otherwise the village women will not be reached, and the class for the women servants in the night school cannot be continued for lack of teachers. I hope that before long this difficulty can be overcome."—*Selected*.

PERSONALS

India, Fatchpur.—Dr. Mina Mackenzie writes: I am enjoying my new Bible class with the servants and workmen. Yesterday our carpenter had written all the previous lessons in Hindu verse, and he read them to the others in the class. I am praying that many of them may come out for Christ. They do seem in earnest and frankly confess Him before one another here.

Twelve large villages have been visited; regular dispensary and evangelistic work is being done once a week in seven villages, where rooms have been rented from thirty to sixty cents a month, and where the people have welcomed us and offered to help us in the work.

China, Shanghai.—Dr. Wood writes: There have been many calls to nice homes for our graduate nurses during the past four months. China is changing rapidly and adopting new ways, especially American customs and ideas. The Chinese feel that America is their good friend, and they look to her for help and encouragement.

Miss Abbey: This is been a fine year. We do feel that there has been a real deepening of spiritual life. Our teachers have been constantly growing, and our girls are almost, without exception, earnestly trying to be Christian.

Miss Hall is having a little class with a group of "middle-sized" girls. Some have just expressed their desire to join the church, and others, although members, feel that they need help to know how to live out their Christianity.

Japan, Yokohama.—Miss Pratt writes: I have had a few days' vacation in Osaka and Kyoto. While away I saw two of my girls—one who is working with a foreign missionary and one who is the wife of a pastor. Miss Tracy and I have attended the two days' meeting in Tokyo of the Federation of Missions. The reports of the evangelistic campaign were most interesting.

One rejoices in the good reports that come, month by month, from our students. We desire that they be really spiritually minded, as otherwise their work will be in vain. I think there is a true spirit of consecration in the Bible School, and it is shown in their work and life.

HERE AND THERE

ONE THING

“STRETCHING forward to the things that are before, I press towards the goal unto the prize.” These words of the apostle come with peculiar force to us at this critical moment in the history of our society. Using an illustration familiar to his Philippian readers, Paul sets forth the true course of Christian life and service in the figure of a competitor in the Olympian games. One object is before him, with eyes fixed on the goal, with every sense alert, and every muscle strained, the runner turns not to either side, nor casts a look behind. To pause is to lose the prize.

The present moment is one of unparalleled importance in the mission field, as it is also of unprecedented privilege. The change in social and industrial conditions, which has swept like an irresistible tidal wave around the world, has opened doors hitherto hermetically sealed to the Gospel. Says Edward Warren Capen, in speaking of the present hour: “We have heard for many years of the crisis of missions. There have been many such crises, but the present has been characterized as a crisis of crises. This is the conclusion to which the members of Commission I of the Edinburgh Conference came after they had completed the most comprehensive study ever made of the non-Christian world.”

The most remarkable change has been in regard to the position of woman, who “holds the key to the situation in the Orient to-day. The men have come under progressive influences, but they are held back by the conservatism of the women.” In 1901, when Miss Doremus visited our stations throughout India, she was entertained by an intelligent Indian gentleman, who discussed with his guest in perfect English the wonders of the recent inventions in “horseless carriages.” Noticing that his pretty young wife looked on with wistful eyes at the animated conversation, Miss Doremus said: “Tell your wife about the marvels we are speaking of,” to which he replied, “It is impossible. She could not understand.” At that time, too, it was found inexpedient to offer afternoon tea to the Indian ladies taught by our missionaries in Allahabad, when they met to welcome Miss Doremus, because of the insuperable barriers of caste. To-day these same women and

others meet regularly in our Mission rooms to spend the afternoon in social intercourse. A program of well-written papers on various topics of interest, interspersed with vocal and instrumental music, is provided and executed by themselves, and refreshments are served to all.

More and more the thinking men of India are demanding education for their wives and daughters, recognizing that it is useless to try to uplift a nation if more than a half of it is held back by ignorance and superstition. Much progress has been made in the status of woman through legislation—Hindus and Mohammedans are alike demanding schools for their daughters. In Japan and China the change is even more marked. Chinese women are already coming to the front; they have received the franchise under the new government; the first woman’s daily paper in the world was started by a Chinese woman in Peking. Woman’s altered position in Japan is typified by the fact that whereas, formerly, a husband and wife were never seen together in public, to-day they may be met, walking and talking together, and even riding in the same jinricksha.

Up to the present time the education of women in all these countries has been almost entirely in the hands of Christian missionaries, but it is so no longer. The next generation of educated women will be largely taught in non-Christian schools. In view of this fact, and of the momentous changes that must result from the present world-wide conflict, a great responsibility rests upon each of us. The present is ours, and the time is short. For us, to-day, there is One Thing to do. The past has its glories, and its priceless fellowships; the present its heartache and loneliness, but “That soul hath done with sadness that knows Christ aright,” and before us lies still the uncompleted course, and the extended prize.

A. H. B.

Women have always exerted a mighty influence over men, and the ignorant women of the East are the last bulwark of superstition. Strangely enough, the social customs and abuses that primarily affect woman find their strongest supporters in the women who are their chief victims. Many a man in India would gladly reform his household and social relations were it not for the conservatism of the women.—From Dr. E. W. Capen.

WEEKLY MEETINGS AT THE WEST GATE

By ELIZABETH IRVINE

DURING this last year the teachers from the three schools near West Gate have been meeting together for a little normal teaching. The model classes in arithmetic and geography were a help and so full of suggestion that we have decided to continue our weekly meetings this year. We have organized and Miss Lu can help us in planning our year's program.

Of more help than the normal class has been the Sunday prayer circle with our matron and teachers. During the week we read the same chapter in some good book, and then on Sunday we would together draw helpful suggestions from it and make application of the thought to our work. Following this we had a season of prayer in which we prayed very definitely for the special needs of the individual girls. We even agreed on the very words of our petitions and wrote them down in a book. It necessitated our really knowing the girls' needs if we were to pray for them, and the very prayers for definite results led us all to redouble our efforts during the week to be God's instrument in helping them. This prayer group was the real center of our school life and drew us more closely together in common purpose and common dependence than anything else.

It is a beautiful year that is waiting for us, and we are all aglow with the thought of the wonderful possibilities inherent in it. Will you join us in the responsibility of this school with all its teachers and pupils?

WE learn from the National Missionary Society of India "of a sharp conflict going on between the Arya Samaj and Christianity in the United Provinces. During the last decade, 65,872 had joined the ranks of the Arya Samaj, while accessions to the Indian Christian Church had been 67,625. The struggle was keener in the Sub-Himalayan regions where the Nukkur field was situated. The National Missionary Society secured the services of sixteen university men, of whom eight were graduates. If the Arya Samaj was progressing, it was because the whole of the Hindu Community had risen to back it up."

WOMEN AND WORLD PEACE

A PLAN to enlist the effective co-operation of women for world peace is being proposed by the Federation of Women's Foreign Missionary Boards and allied societies. The statement, signed by their presiding officers, says in part: "It was just after our own Civil War when our country was poor and weak and not fully united that God called the Christian women of America to carry His message of peace to the nations, and women's foreign missionary societies were born. Today there are forty such societies, with a chain of peace stations extending around the world. Foreign missions being interpreted are just international friendliness and world neighborliness, based on the love and teaching of the World Saviour. . . ."

"Because we are women and have good reason to hate and fear war and the sins responsible for war, because we represent the cause of constructive peace in our missionary societies; because we are Christians and still have faith in the power of God and His willingness to answer prayer, because we are summoned by every divine and human impulse into this fellowship of suffering, we urge immediate action. . . ."

"We submit no elaborate program, but we will promise to enlist individuals and societies for intercession. We will teach the children in our homes and churches Christian ideals of peace and heroism. We will study the New Testament and accept its teachings concerning peace. We will endeavor to promote the understanding and friendliness of the nations by thinking of none as alien but all as children of our Heavenly Father.

"Let us unite on July 4th, making it a Day of Prayer rather than a celebration of victory—prayer that peace, if it has not already come, may come speedily and abide."

WITH sorrow do we record the loss to this Society of our tried and true friend—a member of the Board of Managers—Mrs. William J. Forbes, of Brooklyn, in whose life the Woman's Union Missionary Society held a vital part; it was ever in her mind and thought and plans, and she will be missed from our counsels and fellowship.

Also, in Moorestown, N. J., there entered into rest Miss Mary R. Waters, one of the most devoted and loving members and managers of the Philadelphia Branch.



SCHOOL CHILDREN, ALLAHABAD

FOR MISSION BANDS.

THIS IS THE WAY WE GO TO SCHOOL

By ALICE E. WISHART

“**B**IUJI! Bhuji! get up! Don’t you hear the crows calling that dawn is here? The school cart will be at the door before we are ready, and we must not keep the dai waiting, or she will call us sleepy heads.”

It was but 4:30 of a hot spring morning in the city of Allah, when little girls usually prefer to sleep instead of getting up so early to go three miles to school, but wee Jheti and her sister Bhuji loved to go to the Mission School, and never missed a day if they could help it. The old woman servant arose at four o’clock to prepare the children’s chippátis for breakfast, and some tit-bit for their lunch, which they carried in a little katoruan tied carefully in a clean white cloth. Bhuji and Jheti rubbed the sleep out of their pretty brown eyes, and running out to the water tap

took their morning bath like the sparrows or little green parroquets do, laughing and chattering instead of chirruping and fluttering. Then a good dash of cocoanut oil is put on their black, glossy hair, and after sundry combs and pulls and pats, four shiny braids appear, on top of which is a pretty black velvet cap, embroidered in pink and green and red; little loose silk trousers and a bright colored jacket complete the toilet. Before a whole chippáti can be eaten a voice calls from the outside, “Are you ready, little ones? The cart is at the door. Come quickly, for the oxen are slow and we have far to go.”

“Coming, Daiji! We’re coming!” And with a good-bye to father and mother, they catch up books and slate and lunch and clamber into the cart for the long ride to school. Being the first they have the choicest seats at the front of the cart near the sleepy old oxen, which need much talking to and clucking at from the driver, who sometimes

has to twist their tails a bit to waken them up. The drowsy motion of the cart almost puts the children to sleep, but soon others get in, and by and by, from lanes and courts, so many little folk are gathered that the old cart creaks with its load of merry, laughing, chattering children. Just lift the curtain and look in. You will see faces dark and fair, sad and gay; jingling, twinkling anklets and bracelets, nose rings, little and big, earrings and toe rings; gay garlands of marigolds and jasmine on shining dark heads, and every color of the rainbow in dainty saris and chaddars. Happy they are, and this their happiest time, because soon, all too soon, our dear little girlies must stay at home and prepare for wifehood and the house of a strange mother-in-law. Then no more play, no more school, and these happy days are but a memory.

All the children who come neat and clean, and who have not kept the calling woman waiting, receive a little red paper star to wear while in school, and a certain number of stars mean a prize later on. Bhuji and Jheti are always as neat as new pins, but this day five-year-old Jheti, in the hurry of dressing in the early dawn, got her little jacket on wrong side out, so the head mistress refused to give her a star. With grieved indignation she exclaimed: "*Why* won't I have my star to-day? I'm clean! I *deserve* it!" And when she was told that it was on account of the jacket, she quickly turned her little angry back and jerking off the offending garment hastily put it on right side out, and forthwith received the precious star.

Reading and spelling and 'rithmetic are all gone through with, and then joy—the hymn and Bible lesson, with sand tray and bright picture figures. Instead of an ugly idol, Jheti sees the gentle Lord Jesus blessing little children and saying: "Little ones come to me." And she learns to sing, "Jesus loves me this I know," and to pray to the dear loving Saviour of all little children, black and white and brown. So real and so dear does this One become to her and her little school-mates that they never want to bow before the ugly idols again in all their lives. But alas! all over that big city and that big country there are thousands and thousands of boys and girls who will not know about Jesus, and will go on bowing down to idols of wood and stone until the girls and boys of America send them the light and the truth. Will *you* help them? Will you send or take it to them? Ask somebody to show you the way.

THE CHILDREN TEACHING

By KATHARINE ABBEY

AT our monthly Mothers' Meeting, the primary children are going to tell some of the things they have learned in geography. This year they have been visiting one country a month, finding out about the customs and manners of the people. We have had sand table demonstrations, pictures and interesting stories to make it all vivid and real. This month it has been America, and so this afternoon among other things a pretty Indian tale, "Little Footsteps-on-the-Water," has been worked out in a picturesque dialogue. I wish you might see the cunning deer, wolves, bears, etc., that make their appearance! Children are as dear in China as anywhere else in the world!

LIVING IN A NATIVE HOUSE

By MARGARET JONES

JUST at present Julia and I are out in a native village, living in a native house, I am studying, and felt that if I could get away where I heard only Hindustanee and no English at all, and have to use the little I know I would make better progress with the language. Julia has written the enclosed letter with her own hand; as it was the left hand which was amputated, she is able to do a great deal to help herself, and she is so faithful and willing that we use her in many ways.

We shall be here several weeks and I enjoy the simple life. One of our Fâtehpur nurses is married to a village preacher here, and we go and eat native food in their home. Then we have milk, eggs, bread and butter here; so we get on nicely, and one would be surprised at how much Julia can do to help; she makes the fire—our stove is two bricks on the ground—washes the dishes and sweeps the floor. Dr. Mackenzie is back with us, a tower of strength, and the people all love her.

DEAR MISS DOREMUS:

I want to write you to thank you for your kind messages to me in Miss Jones' letter, and for your prayers for me when I was sick. God gives me strength every day to do what I can with one hand. May God keep you and give you his richest blessing this new year.

With many salâm and love,

Yours truly,

JEULI DEAN.

RECEIPTS of the Woman's Union Missionary Society of America, from
April 1 to April 31, 1915.

ALLAHABAD, INDIA		
Mass.—Cambridge, Mrs. B. Vaughan, for Zenana work,	\$10 00	
Total,		\$10 00
CALCUTTA		
Mass.—Northampton, Smith College Ass'n for Christian work, Miss H. L. Fernald, Treas., Scholarship Gardner School,	50 00	
N. Y.—Brooklyn, Miss N. R. Nelson, orphan, 25.00; Bedford Presb. Ch., Bible Class, Primary Dept., Mr. H. W. Drake, Treas., for Loki, 27.00; In Memory of Sarah F. Gardner, 200.00; A Friend, 300.00; Mrs. S. J. Broadwell, orphan, 25.00,	577 00	
N. J.—Summit, Miss Elizabeth Gould, for orphan,	25 00	
Pa.—Philadelphia, Miss A. M. Wray, for Omasoshi (orphan),	30 00	
Mo.—Kansas City, Mrs. J. L. Pearce, for Taraugini, Orphanage,	37 50	
Total,		719 50
CAWNPORE		
Mary Avery Merriman School		
Mass.—Boston, Miss Georgiana Lowell, special for Christmas,	40 00	
N. Y.—Albany, Mrs. L. M. Vrooman, quarterly payment for Charity John, 3.75; Brooklyn, Miss N. R. Nelson, orphan, 25.00; Schenectady, Miss G. V. Lyle, for Kahira, 4.00,	32 75	
N. J.—Passaic, Mrs. C. H. Demorest, for Anandi,	7 50	
Pa.—Tryone, Miss Agnes Cass, for Annie Cass,	20 00	
Total,		100 25
FATEHPUR		
Lily Lytle Broadwell Memorial Hospital		
Mass.—Haverhill, Miss F. A. Simpson pupil, nurse,	5 00	
N. Y.—Brooklyn, Miss H. E. Forbes, 5.00; Mrs. R. H. Allen (N. J.), 100.00 for "In His Name" Bed, Rescue Work,	105 00	
N. Y.—Brooklyn, Mrs. G. C. Halstead, for Miss Durrant's salary,	25 00	
Total,		135 00
JHANSI		
Mary S. and Maria Ackerman Hoyt Hospitals		
N. Y.—N. Y. City, Mrs. S. J. Broadwell, for nurse,	50 00	
Pa.—Shippensburg, Normal S. S. collection, Miss A. V. Horton, Treas.,	8 48	
Total,		58 48
SHANGHAI, CHINA		
Mass.—Northampton, Smith College Ass'n for Christian work for M. W. Hospital,	50 00	
N. Y.—Brooklyn, Woman's League (Clinton Ave. Cong. Ch.), Mrs. W. P. Halstead Scholarship, Bridgman Home, 40.00; N. Y. City, Miss A. T. Van Santvoord, Dr. Newell's salary, 600.00; Day School teacher, under Miss E. Irvine, 40.00,	680 00	
Pa.—Robesonia, C. E. Society, Mrs. S. E. Keiser, for pupil,	5 00	
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N. Y.—Brooklyn, Woman's League (Clinton Ave. Cong. Ch.), 135.70; N. Y. City, Mrs. S. J. Broadwell, 25.00; Plattsburg, Mrs. M. P. Myers, 10.00,	170 70	
N. J.—Newark Br., Mrs. R. H. Allen, Treas., Collection at An. Meeting, 37.50; A Friend, 100.00,	137 50	
Total,		308 20
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Cawnpore,	170 25	
Fatehpur,	135 00	
Jhansi,	65 48	
China,	860 00	
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